

HALL COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 5, 2005
BUDGET DISCUSSION

Called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster

Roll call - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Bob Rye

WEED DEPARTMENT – 2% INCREASE 750 customers this last year he expects to have a couple more large jobs again next year he provided a graph that showed the income vs expense and a graph that show this he showed a graph on the numbers of acres that have been sprayed and through August 05 he is at 2925 and with the fall spraying it could be at 5000 acres a large increase at the last weed board meeting they are going to raise their rates because of the price of fuel he only has two people running the rigs the jobs are excellent jobs sprays all of the roads questioned if the weed department is recovering the cost of spraying the county road and Rob stated that he is. Discussion on the purchase of the 4 wheeler he does have one budgeted for a new one Rob was going to use it for a trade in Rob only wants to upgrade his equipment discussion was to lease a 4 wheeler for Jake he has a open trailer and put it in the building Jake wants an enclosed trailer and a place for the equipment the weed board can make the recommendation 59% of his budget is covered by his revenue

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT – COUNTY COURT Doug found 8 computers that can be used she will determine how many she needs and get back to him

Lancaster juvenile diversion they are looking at the total salary for Troy need to look at the total compensation for them to determine what they received if it is overtime it is paid at overtime rate Troy is salaried ie he is the curfew tracker and that is 24/7 they are still working on Jakes and they are looking at corrections but have not completed looking at training for licensed surveyor license for Jake they discussed putting an incentive in his salary for completion of this do not have the cost for the surveyor license they will have this on Monday

Need to address the costs for Troy come from Howard County contract

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Discussed health insurance his salary 2 % increase He did not know Marsha figured it stayed the same added some dollars for maintenance for the pickup and fuel because of the cost they added \$5,000.00 to the maintenance line if he does not get a pickup has 129,000 miles on it. What does the board want to do with the pickup has money for a new vehicle in equipment acquisition the committee will meet and come back later with a recommendation added a cell phone uses the state plan for his cell phone it was just changed last year

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - Don Shuda present and veterans service committee present staff 2% increase and step increases no increases in line items assistance 2% with a step his salary in the committee recommended a \$10,000.00 increase !!!!! discussion on how to allocate the salary of 50,000.00 discussion to remove ADA and put it with the building and grounds department Eriksen why this big increase is a merit raise used dollars from other budgets to purchase equipment they purchased a two scanners discussion discussion!!!! He gets it!

Discussion on the ADA and the status of the fund is it necessary to retain and can it be deleted and put under building & grounds B&G needs to have experience process the August claim for the ADA admin salary and then it will be eliminated

VETERANS AID FUND - checking account for some dollars to available to veterans Discussion to increase for the additional pay period 54,200.00 annual salary without the extra pay period 13% increase!!!

EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT RESERVE - total of 292,405.57 reviewed the spread sheet discussion on the dollars that should be moved back to general some of the projects are at the end of the 5 years and need to go back to general each department be informed of the dollars that are subject to go back review the resolution

LAND & BUILDING RESERVE FUND need to move money over on an annual basis reviewed the dollars that are in there. The committee can address it used almost a \$100,000 out of fund and did not replace it this year there is \$414,000 once a person is in place there needs to be an assessment on the buildings and make a plan question on deductible committee needs a plan the cash is there is there enough put away in bld & land do not have to spend for any specific purpose money can be moved around need to address what the potential liability each year on this fund

GRANTS money going out have revenue coming in E911 and miscellaneous revenue grants these dollars are an in and out

INHERITANCE – Revenue is down from last year and expenses were up and extra \$500,000.00 to general cash is down 600,000.00 expenses for inheritance carry a lot forward some of the dollars are line itemed but may not be used 300,000.00 for purchase of land also have courthouse improvements could some of these dollars be used for the administration building security system does to make any difference have dollars for the bldg by attorney and old health dept bldg for storage have 130,000.00 transfer for South Locust there is still some costs for landscaping but amount is unknown it is a transfer have used the computer line item for a transfer lowered the cash reserve dollars to 500,000.00 also have 1 million cash reserve

SHERIFF – Salary is set by the board chief is set at 98% of his salary and other deputies are the FOP and on the contract these are the figures set through classification committee and the pay scales these are ranges and steps that are established and followed there are also the grant wages that are set and also for the proposed grants the cops grant is for 3 years and county pays a portion and that started last year overtime stayed the same same as last year overtime has to be supervisor approval no new employees no parttime to full time no increases except for the grant budgets Jeffris questioned 2-2515 discussion on attorneys county does not pay for any attorney for other offices this is an labor attorney ADA EEOC they do not use the county attorney they use their own attorney if this is ok this is for labor issues only the board uses outside attorneys they represent the department uses this instead of the county attorney Discussion on the attorney using this person for the labor negotiations this is a retainer need to be standard through out the county need to have a policy regarding attorney representation operating is a 0% increase may be a problem with the fuel there a lot of dollars in his budget for grants

EQUIPMENT – have 20 marked units and like to trade after 80,000 cost of repair starts going up he always asks for 5 vehicles asked for cars last year and did not get them all but he was able to get 3 cars still need 5 cars a year State patrol is at 125,000 before they trade the off need to address how many the board reviewed the list of the cars the mileage on each car and Arnold noted the board needs to also consider the use of the vehicle look at 6 cars

CAINE The same

DRUG SEIZURE fund he used this money to purchase two cars it takes about 2 years for the money to come back to the county only a 900.00 balance

SPECIAL REVENUE – has donations for the DARE grants

DRUG COURT Connie Hultin present distributed information and the proposed budget have met all of the federal requirements and not to a point that there are good numbers to follow reviewed some of the numbers she did not include any keno dollars have asked all counties for dollars have used all of the grant dollars from the federal government so now they are asking for dollars federal dollars are for implementation only those are gone and now need to show a cash flow in Hall county served 44% received \$8,000.00 from them they are asking for \$11,000.00 from Hall County there is a transfer in General for the transfer to drug court that has been budgeted the board reviewed the additional information and funding from other counties this program has been a benefit to Hall county it is working hope for the board support Brad need to let the state know that drug court is working and need to have the state fund it

DISTRICT JUDGES - Judge Luther and Judge Livingston present salaries were set by classification and they have been established so they followed through this year they have dollars in the reserve fund and that need to be used they are looking at some new equipment they have put money in every year operating expense stay the same

INHERITANCE FUND Discussion on dollars that have been transferred goal is to make sure that this is eliminated will put some dollars aside

PUBLIC DEFENDER Does not do the salaries that has been done replaced two people that left and they have now been filled 219 felonies 218 misdemeanors and 30 additional cases has 483 open cases does have a high number of felonies county is growing more people more cases they system is designed to do a lot of plea bargaining discussion on the plea bargains

MUSEUM – DISCUSSION 175,000 Cash reserve so moved some dollars back to general will do another transfer discussed using the 3 cent levy or 2% idea for this new budget put expenditures at 2% use 2% of previous years expenditures cash reserve has exceeded what is needed to

1 use the 3 cent levy

2 use the 2% increase

3 use the hybrid and set at 872,000

The 39,000 that is now to be paid back to County would be added to the proposed but in a separate line item then next year this would be 2% of the 833,000

Or add 39,000 the 833,000 then take 2% 872,000

Need to have a collective decision on what to do with Stuh

Agreed that 2% on the 872,000 this will be decided each year all outside entities the same

Justice system - Had to increase over last year it was short leave the same

Miscellaneous general – reviewed all of the line items and left them as budgeted

ROAD – Committee met with Darrell and he recommended at least 1 motor grader and at least 2 plows to maintain Do not need any pickups loader is fine loader ok do need a dump truck need to buy 2 graders need to put money away for a second grader need to look at the report on the overlays on all of the roads discussion to cut \$1.1 million from the road budget

SHERIFF VEHICLES the cars are behind some concern that want to see where the whole budget is at before a final decision is made